

08 Kautilya - Position of King

09 According to Kautilya, an ideal king should
10 even give up his dear wife if asked to
11 do so by his subjects. ~~a popular or~~
* Kautilya would not allow the king
12 to have personal likes or dislikes. It is
the likes of the subjects (that should be
13 followed by him). Kings are visible
dispensers of favours and disfavour,
14 and as such they are in the
position of the God Indra and Yama
respectively: he who despises them
is visited with divine punishment.

15 The agreement of
people in Kautilya's extract charges the
16 people with payment of their
customary dues to the ruler
17 evidently for including him to end
the condition of anarchy. From his
18 theory of the origin of kinship, Kautilya
draws the corollary - so relevant to
19 this immediate and limited objective -
that the king's taxes and punishments
20 are necessary in the people's own interests
as they provide him with the means of
ensuring the security and prosperity of
his subjects. Kautilya further lays down
the theory of the king's equivalence to the
two most famous guardian deities of world by
parity of functions and he derives therefrom the
corollary of the subjects religious obligation to honour

their ruler.

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